

REMARKS

In the Final Office Action claims 1-3 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 second paragraph as being indefinite. The Examiner has indicated that claim 1 fails to recite sufficient structural elements and interconnection to positively position and define how the production of additional force is achieved. Claims 4-10 are allowable, and claims 1-3 have been indicated as being allowable, if rewritten or amended to overcome the 35 U.S.C. 112 rejection.

Responsive thereto, Applicant has amended claim 1 to recite that the additional force is produced by a force-generating device and that the force is coupled to the lift cage through a cable or belt to move the counterweight and lift cage to a next adjacent story. Claim 2 has been amended to be consistent with the amended language in claim 1.

It is believed that the current Amendment overcomes the rejection and thus that all claims are allowable. In the event that the Examiner believes that there are any remaining issues, and that such issues can be addressed by a telephone conference, a call to the undersigned would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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